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courts 718 and under the heads of departments 778 and 2,198 in mufassal Government offices are getting Rs. 100 and over. I want therefore to know why no regard was paid to the Government Order already quoted in the answer?"

The hon. Mr. N. E. MARJORIBANKS :—"From the circumstances stated by the hon. Member it does not follow that no regard was paid to the Government Order."

Mr. R. VEERIAN :—"The Government Order was issued on 15th August 1922 and appointments have been made after that. I want to know why due effect was not given to the Government Order as regards communal representation."

The hon. Mr. N. E. MARJORIBANKS :—"I do not admit the underlying assumption of the hon. Member's question."

### Criminal Tribes.

*Occupation of persons registered under the Criminal Tribes Act in Anantapur district.*

\* 1483 Q.—MR. G. RAMESWARA RAO : Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(a) how many of those registered under the Criminal Tribes Act in Anantapur district since 1913 own cattle and sheep and goats or lands;

(b) how many of them were tending sheep and goats and trading in them and had it as a bona fide occupation; and

(c) how many of them were bona fide agriculturists?

A.—The Government have no information.

MR. G. RAMESWARA RAO :—"May I know whether people who have got honest means of livelihood are also to be registered under the Criminal Tribes Act?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—"Of course, if they commit crimes habitually."

MR. G. RAMESWARA RAO :—"Are the Government then satisfied that the people who have been registered under the Act are in the habit of committing crimes?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—"I think so."

### Depressed Classes.

*Management of Adi-Dravida schools at Govindapuram and Andapettu.*

\* 1484 Q.—MR. R. VEERIAN : Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether my representation, dated 22nd December 1925, addressed to him officially regarding the Government taking up the management of an Adi-Dravida night school at Govindapuram, Vaniambadi, North Arcot district, by the Labour department has been received;

(b) if so, what steps he proposes to take in the matter; and

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(c) whether there is also any chance of taking up another Adi-Dravida school at Andapettu village, Tindivanam taluk, South Arcot district, by the Labour department about which a mention is made in my representation stated above?

A.—(a) Yes.

(b) The attention of the hon. Member is invited to the answer given to question No 1182 at the meeting of the Legislative Council held on the 18th December 1925. The question cannot be considered until the operations of the Labour department are extended to the North Arcot district.

(c) The attention of the hon. Member is invited to the answer to question No. 1227.

Mr. R. VEERIAN :—" With reference to (c), as there is a Labour department working in the South Arcot district, may I know why the school in Tindivanam taluk has not been taken over? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—" I have already answered the question as to the reason why the Labour department has not taken care of the school."

Mr. R. VEERIAN :—" The answer to clause (b) is that the question cannot be considered until the operations of the Labour department are extended to the district of North Arcot. With reference to (c) which relates to South Arcot, there is a Labour department already working in that district and Adi-Dravidas are applying to take up the management of the school. I want to know why the question has not been considered in this case where the e is a Labour department working."

The hon. Khan Bahadur MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—" I should like to have notice of the question."

Mr. F. NOYCE :—" May I point out, Sir, that the question refers to North Arcot and not to South Arcot? "

Mr. R. VEERIAN :—" Sir clause (c) refers to South Arcot, while (a) refers to North Arcot ". (Laughter).

*Accidental loss to Adi-Dravidas in Venkarumbur.*

\* 1485 Q.—Mr. R. VEERIAN : With reference to the answer to question No. 992 asked on 14th December 1925, regarding accidental loss to Adi-Dravidas in Venkarumbur, will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to call for the information?

A.—There was no fire in the village of Venkarumbur and no Adi-Dravida houses were burnt.

Mr. R. VEERIAN :—" Sir, May I know by whom the report was made? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—" By the Commissioner of Labour, Sir."

Mr. R. VEERIAN :—" If I send a mahazar of representation from the member of the depressed classes, may I know if the hon. Member in charge of the portfolio will be good enough to make enquiries in the matter? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—" I shall be most happy to look into it, Sir."